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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report

SSCI is apparently drafting an unclassified report to the Senate on the state of U.S. intelligence. Such a report is called for in S.Res. 400 of 1976 that established SSCI rules, but no such report has ever been submitted. It is difficult to imagine what could be included in an unclassified report, though it is likely to praise the SSCI's role in requiring you to prepare a national intelligence strategy.

The House recently passed and sent to the Senate the "Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Anti-Terrorism Act." The original Administration proposal in this area had been carefully drafted to protect Agency primacy over Agency personnel, communications, operations, oversight and accountability. The original proposal also preserved the status quo between the Agency and State regarding setting appropriate staffing levels overseas.

Next week OCA will advise OMB of the Agency's position on the House-passed bill. We will object to the House-passed legislation's overemphasis on State's role in overseas staffing. We understand State will indicate to OMB that it supports the House-passed bill in this area. We hope to convince OMB, with NSC support, that the Agency position ought to be adopted as the Administration's position.

These events coincide with what we are advised by the NSC was a recent attempt by State to obtain Presidential signature on a draft NSDD to grant to the Secretary of State the staffing level authority contained in the House-passed bill. They also coincide with the recent invitation from the Secretary to you to meet and discuss ways to reduce overseas staffing levels in light of Gramm-Rudman and increased terrorism activity directed at U.S. facilities abroad. In sum, State appears to be making a serious attempt to change the status quo on setting overseas staffing levels as well as changing the levels themselves.

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